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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ROUNDUP

1. ON THE EVE OF SUMMIT MEETING IN THE ALGARVE THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS CALM; THE BATTLE OF COMMUNIQUE THAT BEGAN IN NOVEMBER WHEN THE LIBERATION GROUPS ARRIVED IN LUANDA HAS ENDED FOR THE MOMENT. THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS CONTINUE TO OPEN OFFICES IN ALL AREAS WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF CABINDA, WHERE ONLY THE MPLA HAS AN OFFICE.
2. THE UNITED ANGOLAN FRONT (FUA), THE WHITE PARTY, WAS NOT INVITED TO THE SUMMIT MEETING. THE ORGANIZATION ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON JANUARY 9 STATING THAT IT WOULD SEND ITS LEADER, FERNANDO FALCAO, TO THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. THE COMMUNIQUE MADE VEILED THREATS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IF AN EARLIER PROMISE OF WHITE PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT FULFILLED.
3. DURING AN INCIDENT IN LUANDA ON JANUARY 8 BETWEEN ARMY

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TROOPS AND LIBERATION GROUP SOLDIERS ONE BYSTANDER WAS KILLED

AND SEVERAL WOUNDED. THE ARMY AND THE MOVEMENTS ACTED QUICKLY AND JOINTLY TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION AND EXHIBITED A DEGREE OF COOPERATION NOT HITHERTO SEEN.

4. PRESS REPORTS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS SAID THAT A GROUP OF SIXTY TROOPS FROM THE CHIPENDA FACTION OF THE MPLA HAVE SURRENDERED IN SERPA PINTO THE MPLA OFFICE THERE.

5. REPORTS HAVE COME IN TO US FROM SOUTH CENTRAL ANGOLA, WHERE UNITA IS STFOPONG, THAT THOUSANDS OF YOUNG BLACKS HAVE ENLISTED IN THE UNITA ARMY AND HAVE GONE OFF FOR TRAINING. ONE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE UNITA GOAL IS A FIFTY THOUSAND MAN ARMY.

6. THE LUANDA PRESS REPORTED THE OAU REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE FLEC AS A LEGITIMATE LIBERATION MOVEMENT.
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